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1. SO FAR AS I CAN DISCOVER, NO ONE HERE DISCUSSED THE SPECIFIC ACCOUNTS OF KABUL EVENTS MENTIONED IN THE WASHINGTON POST STORY WITH SIMONS OR ANY OTHER JOURNALISTS. SIMONS WAS BRIEFED BY A POLITICAL OFFICER BUT IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, GIVING NO DETAILS. OTHER NEWSMEN HAVE BEEN TOLD ONLY THAT KABUL IS CALM SO FAR AS WE CAN TELL, BUT THAT NOBODY IS FLYING IN OR OUT.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR DID BRIEF POLITICAL COUNSELORS/ MINISTERS OF SIX FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AT LUNCH JULY 18 ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND REFERRED TO 50 MILITARY OFFICER REPORT BUT NOT TO OSMAN CONVERSATION WITH DAUD. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE ALSO WELL INFORMED ON EVENTS IN KABUL. CONCEIVABLY SOME OF INFORMATION YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CAME FROM OTHER MISSIONS HERE BUT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO US.

3. SINCE COMMUNICATIONS ARE DEAD FROM KABUL, ALL THE STORIES ABOUT THE COUP ARE COMING FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. THE ONE IN THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIB FROM REUTERS REPORTING THE COUP INITIALLY WAS DATELINED NEW DELHI. WE WILL, OF
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COURSE, FOLLOW YOUR GUIDANCE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESS.
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